

*SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING A DATA BACKUP  
ON CLIENT SYSTEMS IN A SERVER NETWORK*

ABSTRACT

5           A system and a method are disclosed for providing a backup of electronic data on a  
server appliance utilizing a plurality of client information handling systems in a network.  
The present invention provides a redundant, distributed backup of the server appliance  
suitable for use on an unmanaged network of client information handling systems. Portions  
of electronic data stored on the server appliance are transferred over the network and stored  
10 on the plurality of client information handling systems. The portions of the electronic data  
stored on the plurality of client information handling systems are suitable for restoring  
substantially all of the electronic data stored on the server appliance. Thus, an additional  
backup server is not required. Storage of an entire backup copy of the server appliance data  
on a medium or set of media, as well as administration of such a medium or set of media, are  
15 also not required.

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